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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION USING ITALY'S SIRIO SATELLITE

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1. IN VIEW JUNE 16/17 VISIT OF NASA OFFICIALS EATON AND  
BASTEDO AMBASSADOR GARDNER'S REPLY TO NASA ASSISTANT  
ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FRUTKIN'S LETTER TO  
AMBASSADOR GARDNER (TRANSMITTED REFTTEL) FOLLOWS: QTE.

MR. ARNOLD W. FRUTKIN

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR ARNOLD:

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR OFFER OF THE BRIEFING ON THE  
DELTA LAUNCH PROGRAM AND FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON MY PROPOSAL  
FOR USING THE ITALIAN SIRIO SATELLITE FOR EXCHANGE OF  
GREETINGS BETWEEN ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES. BILATERAL  
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COLLABORATION ON SPACE MATTERS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST  
SUCCESSFUL AND MUTUALLY SATISFYING AREAS OF OUR COLLA-  
BORATION IN SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS AND I AM EAGER TO DEMON-  
STRATE THE RESULTS WE HAVE OBTAINED AND TO PROMOTE  
FURTHER COOPERATION IN THIS AREA. I AM CONVINCED THAT  
UNITED STATES' INTERESTS IN THE SPACE AREA, AND U.S.-  
ITALY RELATIONS MORE GENERALLY AS WELL, COULD BE ENHANCED

THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS SUCH AS I HAVE PROPOSED.  
IT WOULD SERVE TO REINFORCE THE PRESTIGE OF THE ITALIAN  
SAPCE PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE LINKS BETWEEN THAT PROGRAM  
AND NASA.

YOUR OFFER THAT PETER EATON AND WILLIAM BESTEDO  
CONDUCT A BRIEFING ON THE REIMBURSABLE LAUNCHING PROGRAM  
IS MOST GENEROUS. BECAUSE OF MY SCHEDULE ON THE DAYS  
PROPOSED, I HAVE ASKED MINISTER-COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC  
AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS CALINGAERT, WHO IS ALSO ACTING  
SCIENCE ATTACHE, TO MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH  
MESSRS. EATON AND BASTEDO ON JUNE 16. I WOULD LIKE TO  
MEET BRIEFLY WITH THEM ON JUNE 17. IN ADDITION TO THE  
GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE REIMBURSABLE LAUNCHING PROGRAM,  
I WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO  
ADDRESS SOME OF THE TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS YOU RAISE IN  
YOUR RECENT LETTER. PARTICULARLY, I HOPE THAT IT WOULD  
BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF THE FEASIBILITY OF  
A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. PERHAPS MESSRS. EATON AND  
BASTEDO, DURING THEIR MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL  
RESEARCH COUNCIL (CNR), COULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR  
NOT THE SIRIO SPACECRAFT WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT POWER TO  
TRANSMIT AN ACCEPTABLE SIGNAL BETWEEN ITALY AND THE EAST  
COAST OF THE UNITED STATES.

I ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE YOUR OFFER OF NASA'S  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE REALIZATION OF THIS PROJECT.  
AS I NOTED PREVIOUSLY, THIS PROJECT, CARRIED TO FRUITION  
WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO BOTH NASA, WHETHER OR NOT DIRECTLY  
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INVOLVED TECHNICALLY, AND TO UNITED STATES INTERESTS MORE  
GENERALLY. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO TALKING WITH MESSRS.  
EATON AND BASTEDO AND, OF COURSE, TO HEARING YOUR  
FURTHER VIEWS. SINCERELY, RICHARD N. GARDNER,  
AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES. UNQTE.

2. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED.  
GARDNER

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